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For: INHIBITOR SCREENING METHOD AND
ATOPIC DERMATITIS-LIKE SYMPTOM
INDUCING METHOD WHICH UTILIZES
INDUCTION OF PRODUCTION OF
INTERLEUKIN 18 BY KERATINOCYTE
AND UTILIZATION OF SAME

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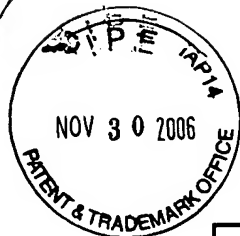
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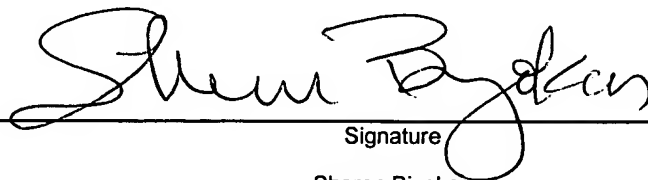
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